

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

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As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below my name.

I believe that I am the original, first and sole/or original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

METHOD OF FORMING ECOCERAMIC-BASED SILICON-CARBIDE TOOLING FOR COMPOSITES AND METHOD FOR FORMING COMPOSITES USING SAME

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Sec. 1.56.

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